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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 15 January 2009 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☒ entered in part. See explanation below.

Claims 17, 20, 33, 37 are entered.

Claim 23 is not entered. Applicant's amendment to the claim by including "being configured to" broadens the scope of the claim and it is less limiting and less definite. Applicant should remove "being configured to" from the claim language.

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